

# Spring Street Link

October 31, 2016

At our All School Meeting on Friday we had the opportunity to discuss a book that we all read over the course of the past week or so, *King of the Playground*, and speak about how we would respond to the situation depicted in the story. In the story, Sammy is not being very kind to Kevin and often is intimidating and threatening. Eventually Kevin gets the courage and stands up to Sammy and appears to be unfazed by Sammy's threats.

Our discussion focused on what our options may be for responding to similar situations here at school, home, on the field, and anywhere else we may encounter this type of behavior. We spoke about self-advocacy including telling the person to stop, walking away, and seeking the assistance of an adult. Although we hope our students don't find themselves in similar situations, we want to be sure that we have a common and effective way to respond to situations similar to this. Thanks to our PTO for generously donating our *Books of the Month* to anchor our discussions throughout the year and to foster discussion and provide examples of characteristics and behaviors that contribute to a healthy, kind, and respectful community.

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you haven't scheduled a time. Reminder, Conference Day is a no-school day for students. Childcare will be available in the cafeteria from 8:00am-3:00pm. Please keep in mind that the childcare is for the duration of your conference only and is available for school-aged children.

## **Banking at School**

'Oakie' from Central One Federal Credit Union made a visit to our All School meeting on Friday along with other COFCU representatives to share information about our Banking at School Program. Beginning on Wednesday, COFCU will be at SSS from 8:30-9:00am every other week for students to 'bank at school'. Students can open a new account or use an existing COFCU account to participate. More information is attached.

## **Meal Magic Begins Tomorrow**

Meal Magic implementation begins tomorrow in the cafeteria. Detailed information is attached.

## **Next Scrip Order - Tomorrow, November 1st**

Scrip is an exciting new program that enables families to raise money for our school by purchasing gift cards that can then be used for normal weekly purchases such as groceries, gas and dining out. Many national and local retailers are part of the program including Target, Dicks, Toys R Us, etc. Each gift card purchased provides a rebate to the school (anywhere from 2-16% of face value) that will be used to continue supporting many school events and enrichment activities not included in the annual school budget. Please see the attached information flyer and order forms for more information. Ordering is easy: either use the paper order form, returning it to school with a check made out to Spring Street PTO or order online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) using Spring St school's enrollment code: 6379854353L86.

Scrip orders will be submitted bi-weekly with the first order, tomorrow, 1st November 2016.

The next order date is Tuesday 15th November. All gift cards ordered through Scrip will go home in your child's Monday folder the following week. Please direct any questions to [springstscrip@gmail.com](mailto:springstscrip@gmail.com) or [jghidella@townisp.com](mailto:jghidella@townisp.com)

#### **Winter Craft Night - Corks Needed**

All the crafts are starting to come together for Winter Craft night (December 2nd, 6-8pm), but we are in need of **more wine corks** for some really cute kid friendly crafts. Saving your corks, but don't know what to do with them? Send them into school and we will put them to good use. Any questions please reach out to [jghidella@townisp.com](mailto:jghidella@townisp.com). Thanks.

#### **From previous links:**

#### **Candy Drive**

Each year, St. Anne's Parish in Shrewsbury collects food items for their Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to local families in need. As in the past, they will also be collecting candy to add to each basket. We would like to assist in their efforts to help our local community. Please send WRAPPED candy donations into school beginning on Tuesday, November 1st. Excess Halloween candy works perfectly! There will be collection containers in the front entrance area. Thank you for your donations! Brought to you by the SSS Student Council.

#### **Spring Street School Spirit Wear!**

Get in the school spirit with Spring Street School apparel! A variety of options are available! These items make great gifts for students, as well as family members! The sale runs until Nov. 11th. On-line ordering is available including payment by credit card (see link below). Please check out the items on-line through the link and click on items for color choices. All proceeds from this sale will benefit the PTO. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Moyal at [kerrymoyal@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrymoyal@yahoo.com).

[https://www.agpestores.com//spectrumenterprises/groupproducts.php?prodgroup\\_id=8560&prodgroupbypass=true](https://www.agpestores.com//spectrumenterprises/groupproducts.php?prodgroup_id=8560&prodgroupbypass=true)

#### **Spring Street Elementary DINE OUT DAY at Not Your Average Joes on 11/8**

Take the kids out to lunch or take a night off from cooking and join your Spring Street friends for another fun dine-out day at NYAJ held on Tuesday, NOV. 8 (Conference Day). Just print out the attached flyer and present it to your server and NYAJ will donate 15% of your total purchase to our PTO.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair 10/31 - 11/8**

Our Scholastic Book Fair starts today and we need your help to make it a success! We need help with wish lists for the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes and we need help next Tuesday 11/8 running the book fair during Parent Conferences. Please take a minute to look at the signup Genius and see where you can help. Please help make our book fair a success by volunteering a small amount of your time. Any questions contact [erin.ryan92@gmail.com](mailto:erin.ryan92@gmail.com)  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ACAF29AB9-spring1>

#### **Volunteering Requirement-CORI Checks**

Anyone volunteering at our school must participate in the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check before volunteering. Volunteering includes classroom volunteering, field trips,

field day, etc. Once a CORI check has been completed, your 'CORI' is valid for 3 years. CORI checks are applicable to any volunteering in the Shrewsbury Public Schools. Unfortunately, CORIs completed elsewhere are not valid for Shrewsbury Public Schools. This link can be used to access the form. Please return the completed form in person to Mrs. Judith Adair, our secretary, with your license for the CORI to begin being processed. Please allow for at least 2 weeks for CORI checks to be completed before participating in any volunteer activities at our school. Volunteers without a completed and processed CORI will be unable to volunteer until the process is complete. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.  
<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/coriform.pdf>

### **Important Dates**

Tuesday, November 8, No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Tuesday, November 8, Not Your Average Joes Dine Out Fundraiser  
Wednesday, November 9, Gift of Knowledge, 8:30-9:00am  
Friday, November 11, Veteran's Day, No School  
Tuesday, November 15, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm  
November 23-25, Thanksgiving Vacation  
Friday, December 2, Winter Craft Night, 6-8:00pm  
Tuesday, December 6, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development  
December 6, 2 Ovens Pizza Dine Out Fundraiser  
December 26-January 2, December Vacation  
Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School  
Tuesday, January 17, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm  
Thursday, January 18, Grade 4 Chorus Concert, 7:00pm  
Friday, February 3, Movie Night at SSS, 6:00pm  
Tuesday, February 7, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development  
February 20-24, President's Day/Winter Vacation

Have a good week.  
Bryan Mabie